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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

demolished
late 1970s

1. NAME					
COMMON: Deneen-Davidson house <i>NR quality with new next lot</i>					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 301 Decatur Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <i>appears to be vacant.</i>
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Ronald E. Llewellyn and his wife Virginia Llewellyn					
STREET AND NUMBER: 408 Woodside Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 460-368					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is located on the easterly side of Decatur Street, south of Davidson Street and diagonally across from the intersection of Charles Street, in Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland. The house sets back several feet from Decatur Street and stands to the north of the former Sacred Heart Hospital building, now a factory. The property, known as 301 Decatur Street, rises in an easterly direction.

The house, which abuts the house to the north, is a three story, brick structure with a brick foundation and a one story wing with a stone foundation on the southerly side. The major architectural features of the exterior are the end walls extended above the roof line, a brick cornice, a masonry belt course (probably of stone) between the second and third floors, and an internal chimney on the northerly side of the house. The bond of the brick appears to be American Common although the exterior walls have several coats of paint, that help to obscure the bond. The tops of the end walls are capped with what appear to be terra-cotta tiles of recent vintage.

The facade, westerly side, has three bays with the entrance in the southerly bay of the first floor. The front windows have wooden sills, plain wooden lintels, and double-hung wooden sashes. The windows of the first and second floors have six-over-six lights while those of the third floor have three-over-three lights. The entranceway is framed with a broad flat trim with applied flat molding on the outer edge and crossettes below a pediment. The frame tapers from the bottom to the top in the Egyptian manner. The door has six panels with flat, applied molding and a bead down the center of the full-length of the door. There is a transom with three lights above the door. The stairway leading to the entrance is made of stone, possibly red sandstone.

The one story wing on the southerly side is set back a few feet from the facade and has a low pitch roof. The wing has large openings for doors and windows, one each on the westerly and easterly sides, and two along the southerly side, with arch tops. These openings and the shape of the wing are outlined with raised bricks. A frame porch with two free standing columns and a balustrade with turned balusters on south side is attached to the front of the wing and rests on two square columns of brick. Both the porch and the wing may date after construction of the main portion. The decorative detailing of the porch is of a type characteristic of the late nineteenth century. The construction of the wing, particularly the stone foundation, is not consistent with that of the house.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c. 1850

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Deneen-Davidson house is significant for its history and architecture. Although the exact date of construction is unknown, the house appears to have been built in the mid-nineteenth century. The building is identified on an 1850 map of Cumberland as belonging to a Davidson. The Davidson family sold the property in 1858. The property was purchased in 1897 by John Deneen whose family retained it until 1973 when the present owner acquired it.

Architecturally, the Deneen-Davidson house represents the transition from the Neo-classical to the Greek Revival as found in townhouse construction of the mid-nineteenth century in Cumberland. The transition is evident in external features of the building. The house is similar in design to that of the house to the north at 303 Decatur Street. (A1-IV-009).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Md.

Bevan, John. Map of Cumberland, 1853. (Allegany County Historical Society, Cumberland, Md.)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 37' by 169'.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Consultant, Historic Site Survey	
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.	DATE 8/21/74
STREET AND NUMBER: Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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Deneen-Davidson house

#8 SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Historical Chain of Title:

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse,
Cumberland, Maryland 21502.

Book 460, p. 368 9 February, 1973
Grantor: Mortimer H. Deneen
Grantee: Ronald E. Llewellyn and his wife Virginia

Book 152, p. 666 19 April, 1926
Grantor: Lydia H. Deneen
Grantee: Helen E. Deneen

Book 92, p. 62 20 October, 1902.
Grantor: Julia E. Deneen
Grantee: Lydia Deneen

Book 80, p. 681 29 March, 1897
Grantor: Benjamin Richmond and his wife Chrissie
Grantee: Julia Deneen

Book 59, p. 663 11 May, 1883
Grantor: People's Building Association
Grantee: Benjamin Richmond

Book 54, p. 32 24 November, 1879
Grantor: William J. Read, A. M. L. Rush, and Kennedy
 H. Butler, Trustees in #1091 Insolvents in
 Circuit Court
Grantee: People's Building Association

Book 44, p. 392 9 March, 1875
Grantor: R. Chew Jones
Grantee: Hopewell Hebb

Book 41, p. 426 7 May, 1874
Grantor: Mrs. Virginia Lynn, by Will of
Grantee: R. Chew Jones

Book 16, p. 695 25 February, 1858
Grantor: Mathias O. Davidson
Grantee: George Lynn

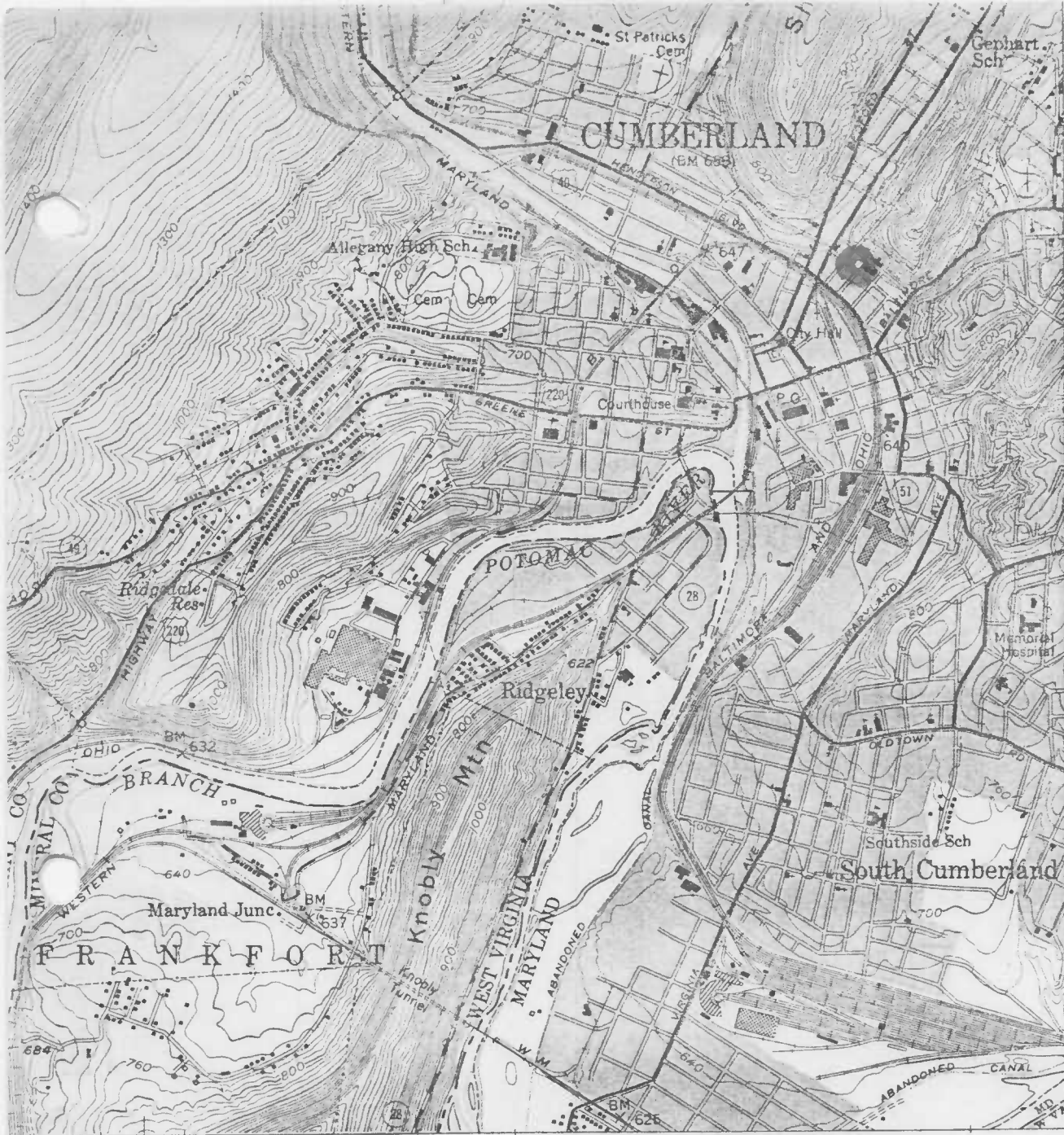
301-303 Decatur St
Cumberland
Allegany Co, Md.

circa 1850 brick double house, originally
six bays with the doorways in the outer
bays and three stories high
303 or north side widened by two bays and
raised to a full three stories probably
about 1900

~~301 - probal~~

believed to have been erected for
Charles M. Thurston and Mathias O.
Davidson — Davidson occupied 301
but apparently owned 303 until about
the 1860s

Thurston and Davidson purchased the
property in 1849 (Deed Book 7, p. 499)



FLINTSTONE 12 MI.
HANCOCK 37 MI.

420 000 FEET
(W. VA.)

4391

4390000m N.

SPRING GAP 6.5 MI.
OLDTOWN 14 MI.

110 000 FEET
(PA.)

39°37'30"

47°30"

1710 000 FEET (PA.)

691

692000m E. 2 210 000 FEET (W. VA.)

78°45'

● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D C —1971

SHORT GAP 6.2 MI.
FORT ASHBY 11 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————
Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt =====

U.S. Route State Route

(PATTERSON CREEK)
5263 11 SW



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

CUMBERLAND, MD.-PA.-W.VA.

NE/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE
N3937.5—W7845/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NE—SERIES V833

AL-IV-008
Deneen - Davidson house
301 Decatur Street
Cumberland, Allegany Co, Md.

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301-303 Decatur Street
Cumberland

Allegany Co., Md.

west elevation of 301 (facade)
front wall collapsed in fall, 1975

31 January 1976

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Deneen - Davidson house

301 Decatur Street

Cumberland

Allegheny Co., Maryland

February, 1974

SW view

RONALD L. ANDREWS



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301-303 Decatur Street
Cumberland
Allegany Co., Md.

NW corner of 303 — detail
January 1975

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301-303 Decatur Street
Cumberland
Allegany Co., Md

SW view

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N W view

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SW view
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SW view of 301 — front wall collapsed
in fall of 1975

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